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people of Nebraska and the university, she said. So, yes, I do think there will be 33 votes, I wouldn't be surprised if there are 35. Well, I think God ought to be given a fair shot today, so I think we ought to go the full eight hours and give God a chance to have his vote on cloture. And if God is in this, God will make enough people vote for it to get cloture, or if God is really involved, maybe God will make my right arm lose her cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mo...(pretends not to be able to speak), just kidding, cleave to the roof of my But in all of my studies of the Bible, the writings by theologians, the church fathers, the angelic doctor this, the cherubic father that of the Catholic Church, never have I seen God intervene directly in the legislative activities Ms. Mills suggests that God has been intervening in this situation. And if the work that has been done so far on this bill is the best that God can do, he needs help. And in the same way that I say I'll help my colleagues, even those who have opposed me, because my job is to be defender of the downtrodden, who among us can say that God, on occasion, may not be among the downtrodden? One of my ancestors, one of my ancestors came to the rescue of "God Junior" when he was downtrodden and pulling a heavy cross, Simon the Cyrenaian, he said, you-all, you big mob of people messing with this little fella here, what has he done? And when they told him, he said, I don't agree with you, but, even if you...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...are going to kill him, he's too little to pull that cross. Jesus was 5 feet 3, weighed 126 pounds soaking wet. So Simon, a big, muscular black African, shouldered that cross and helped "God Junior". So today I want to assist "God Senior" by carrying us to eight hours and let us test and see if God can get cloture today.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the bracket motion? Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, when the fetal tissue research issue came to the fore in the <u>Omaha World-Herald</u>, in November of last year, I began then saying to colleagues of all persuasions involved, we ought to deal with